



## Western New York Woodturners Club 1

Newsletter & Minutes of Meeting Held 03/03/22

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- Rich Cowan called the meeting to order with 23 members present in person and 5 online
  - Good news – we will be able to meet at Maryvale school starting next month!
  - Sad news – Rich is retiring to a warmer climate next summer, so we are in need of a President
- Stuart Wiesmore, Treasurer
  - We have 52 paid members paid for the year so far – great job!
  - If you haven't paid your dues yet, they are being collected for 2022 - \$20 for the year
  - Treasurer's Report

Previous Ending Balance:				\$1468.09
Deposits:				
Dues (12 members)	240.00			
Anonymous donation for professional demo	250.00	490.00		\$1958.09
Withdrawals:				
None				0.00
Ending Balance				\$1958.09

- Many thanks to the anonymous donor! It was very thoughtful of you!
- Joe Wiesnet, Vice President
  - Tonight's Demo
    - We will be recording to record demos ahead of time so we can run it at any time, there's no cleanup of chips afterwards, it can be viewed again if someone missed it, and we can stop it for the presenter to answer questions if needed
    - We have no demo for March – possibly a professional demo
    - Need suggestions for more demos – contact Rich Cowan or Joe Wiesnet to volunteer or if you have an idea
- Kathy Nowicki, Secretary
  - I apologize for being behind on minutes – my wrist just isn't recovering quickly enough from surgery
- John Lilley, Website Master
  - John will have the website to sign up for the fair working next month
- Glenn Stelmach, Fair Committee President
  - It's only 159 days until the Fair!
  - Club 2 had a banner made for under \$50 to hang from a table – Club 1 should have one made
    - I made a motion to have one made, Glenn seconded it, and it passed by vote
  - Rich made a slideshow of the types of items that are made for the Fair and will show it at future meetings
    - Can it be shown at the Fair? It will be looked into.
  - Joe Wiesnet generously offered to open his shop up to members so we can have a turning marathon for items for the Fair – thanks, Joe!
  - A newer member asked for an overview of our involvement with the Fair, so here's a short list:
    - The club's members make and donate items for sale at the Fair
      - It does not have to be a turned item - it just has to be made from wood
    - 100% of the proceeds go to Make-A-Wish Foundation



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- The members, significant others, kids, etc. volunteer to work at the Fair as a seller or a demonstrating turner – they receive admission into the Fair and a parking pass to compensate them for their time (the club receives them from the Fair)
  - Many items are sold right off the lathes – people see it being turned and want to buy it right away
  - We have repeat customers who come and purchase lots of items for Christmas presents, etc
- At the September meeting, members from Make-A-Wish come to our meeting and we present them with a large check for all monies made at the Fair; they also tell us about different wishes that have been recently made and sometimes bring a child who has received a wish and his family with them and we get to hear from them how outstanding their wish was
- Aspire involvement – Gene Renzoni gave us an overview:
  - Aspire used to be the Cerebral Palsy foundation and now has kids with all sorts of disabilities
  - We make and donate toys or donate stuffed animals for their annual Christmas party
    - Kids pick out their own toys at the party – sometimes it is the only toy they will receive for Christmas
    - The club members and significant others are welcome to be there to join in the fun and see the joy on the kids' faces when they pick out their toy
    - There are approximately 135 children
    - The items cannot be smaller around than a toilet paper roll and must have a cured or non-toxic finish, as the kids put the toys in their mouths a lot
    - We will be looking for toys after the Fair – it's never too early to start thinking of the kids!
- 50/50 Drawing:
  - David Day was the winner of \$38 – congrats, Dave!
- Speaking of David Day, Joe Wiesnet let us know that David has generously volunteered his time to tutor anyone the basket-weaving technique, and Joe has offered to open up his shop for the lessons! We surely do have a lot of generous people in our club!
- Show-and-Tell
  - The following members showed us items they've worked on:

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- Rich Cowan
  - Stu Wiesmore
  - Pete Campana
  - Leon Nowicki
  - John Lilley
    - Great job, everyone!
  - Tonight's Demo:
    - Rich Mialki did a demo on making beads and necklaces –a copy of his notes are attached.
      - Very interesting, Rich – thank you!
  - The April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Maryvale school at 7 pm, as well as having it online with Zoom!
- Joe Wiesnet
  - Gene Renzoni
  - Derrick Schmitt
  - Dave Hall
  - David Day
  - Deb Korwin
  - Jack Lucernoni

*Kathy Nowicki,*

Secretary